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Organization of work

Note by the Chairman

Addendum

Work programme

Activity	*Target dates*	*Outcome*
1 Organization of work		Transparency and accountability
(a) Election of officers	22 February 1999	
(b) Consultations	Three informals in March 1999	
(c) Agenda for work of the Committee of Twenty-Four	31 March 1999	Critical review
2 Caribbean regional seminar		To contribute to determining the preparation required for self-governing status (Saint Lucia to host)
(a) Organization	25–27 May 1999	Inclusion of Administering Powers in seminar
(i) Venue		
(ii) Dates		
(iii) Preparatory Committee meeting selection of participants etc		
(b) Report of seminar	2 July 1999	
3 Critical review and plan for future activities	End-March 1999	Transparency and accountability
(a) To reach agreement on		
(i) Objectives		
(ii) Activities		
(iii) Outcomes		
(iv) Target dates		

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Activity	*Target dates*	*Outcome*
(b) Dialogue with Administering Powers		Constructive cooperation
(i) Reports from Administering Powers		
(ii) Review constitutional and juridical status of Non-Self-Governing Territories		
(iii) Visiting missions to Non-Self-Governing Territories		
(iv) Agreement on objectives, activities, outcomes and target dates		
(v) Progress in implementation of 1960 Declaration on Decolonization		
(c) Regional seminars		Implement General Assembly resolutions
(i) Improving effectiveness		
(ii) Assessing recommendations		
(iii) Participants		
(d) Dissemination of information: suggestions		
(i) Special issue: decolonization 2000		Educate and inform
(ii) Compendium of resolutions on decolonization		
(iii) Decolonization home page Web site		
(iv) Articles in United Nations publications/programmes		
(v) Special press activities/journalists' round table		
(vi) Press kits for schools etc. on decolonization		
(vii) News releases/press releases		
(e) Other relevant activities		Implement General Assembly resolutions
(i) Consultations with specialized agencies		
(ii) UNDP workshops		
(iii) Joint meeting with the Council		
(iv) Meeting with specialized parliamentarians		
(v) International United Nations conference on decolonization		
(f) Resolutions and reports of the Committee of Twenty-Four		
(i) Systematic review of the process of consultations on draft resolutions		Systematic approach to adoption of resolutions
(ii) Negotiations with Administering Powers and interested Member States		
(iii) Reorganization of reports to the General Assembly		Facilitate consideration of reports in the Fourth Committee
(g) Programme of activities for end of Decolonization Decade		Accountability
(i) Commemoration of fortieth anniversary of the Declaration on Decolonization, 14 December 2000		

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(ii) Millennium (Fifty-fifth) General Assembly, 2000		
(iii) Review of end of Decade on Decolonization		
4 Observance of week of solidarity	25 May 1999	Implement General Assembly resolutions
5 Question of dissemination of information		Agreed plan of information activities
6 Consideration of situation in Non-Self-Governing Territories [a]	21 June–9 July 1999	Agreed recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the status of and the situation in Non-Self-Governing Territories
(a) Seventeen Non-Self-Governing Territories		
(i) Question of Gibraltar [b]	21 June 1999	
(ii) Question of Western Sahara [b]	22–25 June 1999	
(iii) East Timor [b]	22–25 June 1999	
(iv) Falkland Islands/Malvinas [b]	28 June–1 July 1999	
(v) New Caledonia [b]	28 June–1 July 1999	
(vi) American Samoa [b]	28 June–1 July 1999	
(vii) Anguilla [b]	28 June–1 July 1999	
(viii) Bermuda [b]	28 June–1 July 1999	
(ix) British Virgin Islands [b]	28 June–1 July 1999	
(x) Cayman Islands [b]	28 June–1 July 1999	
(xi) Guam [b]	28 June–1 July 1999	
(xii) Montserrat [b]	28 June–1 July 1999	
(xiii) Pitcairn Islands [b]	28 June–1 July 1999	
(xiv) Saint Helena [b]	28 June–1 July 1999	
(xv) Tokelau [b]	28 June–1 July 1999	
(xvi) Turks and Caicos Islands [b]	28 June–1 July 1999	
(xvii) United States Virgin Islands [b]	28 June–1 July 1999	
(b) Economic and other activities	2 July 1999	
(c) Military activities and arrangements by Administering Powers	2 July 1999	
(d) Follow-up to decision of 11 August 1998 concerning Puerto Rico: hearing of petitioners	6–9 July 1999	
7 Implementation of Declaration on Decolonization by specialized agencies [c]	12 July 1999 28 July 1999	Chairman's statement to the Economic and Social Council and General Assembly resolutions
8 Other activities/proposals		

[a] In considering the territories, the following factors will be taken into account: constitutional structures, socio-economic issues, natural resources, human rights, sovereignty issues and right of self-determination.

[b] The Secretariat will present working papers on these items, and will process requests by petitioners.

[c] Following consideration by the Economic and Social Council of the item relating to the implementation of the Declaration on Decolonization by the specialized agencies during the substantive session of 1999 of the Council.